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Wildfire Fact Sheet- Oak Grove Fire

Note: Get the latest fire updates on Twitter @UtahWildfire; @usfsdnf
(Use hashtag #OakGroveFire)

Summary:

The fire had minimal growth today but continued to have short crown runs and isolated torching fire behavior. The fire is estimated at approximately 770 acres this evening. Unlike the plume yesterday, fire intensity has diminished to a lighter smoke signifying lighter fuels are being consumed. Black Mesa and Payson Hotshot Crews are currently working on the fire line. Salt Lake Unified Fire and Silver State Hotshots are to be inserted by helicopter onto the fire line tomorrow. "In areas like this, where the terrain is steep and rocky, we count on aerial operations to establish an anchor point and initial parameter control to then allow ground crews to get in and build fire line," said Eric Eastep, Oak Grove Fire Incident Commander. Expect to see smoke from I-15 corridor from St. George to Cedar City, Utah. Weather forecast shows a high pressure system over the area with an increase in temperatures and dry conditions over the next few days. Winds are expected to be 5-10 mph.

No additional resources ordered at this time.

Approximately 136 people are assigned to the Oak Grove Fire.

Start Date: Fire reported Tuesday morning, September 8, 2015

Location: Located within the Pine Valley Wilderness and two miles southwest of Oak Grove Campground.

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 37° 18' 19" Longitude: 113° 30' 12"

Jurisdiction: Pine Valley Ranger District, Dixie National Forest within the Pine Valley Wilderness

Fire Size: Estimated at 770 acres. (Note: one acre is equivalent to about one football field).

Cause: Natural Cause-lightening

Fire Behavior: Short crown runs and isolated torching fire behavior is observed. Fire behavior is expected to diminish with lower temperatures and increase in humidity in the evening hours.

Closures: Forest Service road #031, #902 and #032 to Oak Grove and Oak Grove Campground are closed. The public and media are urged to use caution in the area to allow fire personnel access.

Structures: No structures are threatened

Percent Contained: 10%

Fuels: Pinyon and Juniper, Oak Brush, Mixed Conifer and Brush.

Fire management objectives include:

- Provide for firefighter and public safety through the use of sound risk management and hazard mitigation.
- Maintain relationships with the local community and visiting public by minimizing the impact to municipal watersheds, private lands, and designated wilderness through full suppression strategies.
- Protect infrastructure in campgrounds, private lands, and water systems.

Fire Crews/Resources: The fire is managed by a Color Country Type 3 incident management team. Local resources include Forest Service, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and Bureau of Land Management, Hurricane and Leeds Fire Department.

Crew Resources: Black Mesa interagency Type 1 Hotshot Crew, Payson Interagency Type 1 Hotshot Crew, Coconino Type 2 Module Suppression Crew, Salt Lake County # 1 Unified Fire Authority Type 2 Initial Attack Crew, Southern Paiute Agency Type 2 Crew, and Silver State Interagency Hotshot Crew. Aerial Resource: Type 3 helicopter, 4 SEATS, 2 heavy air tankers, Type 2 helicopter, Type 1 Helicopter

Evacuations: Oak Grove Campground was evacuated as a precaution on 9/8/15.

Injuries: No injuries reported today

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